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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (02.08-10) EXPANDED CLIMATOLOGICAL RESEARCH

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1. DURING SCICOUNS JANUARY 13 CALL ON OTHER MATTERS, HYDROMET FIRST DEPUTY SEDUNOV RAISED POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED BILATERAL COOPERATION ON CLIMATE RESEARCH. SEDUNOV NOTED THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THE SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE OF MARABITO AND 02.08-10 DELEGATION LAST OCTOBER, STATING HE IS AWAITING MORE DETAILED US PROPOSALS. SEDUNOV ALSO COMMENTED THAT EXPANDED BILATERAL CLIMATE RESEARCH THIS YEAR SHOULD ENHANCE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO THE WMO CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE IN 1979. SEDUNOV NOTED THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO PREPARING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR PROPOSALS ON THEMES FOR EXPANDED CLIMATE RESEARCH BUT DECLINED TO STATE SPECIFICALLY WHEN THESE WOULD BE READY; THE CLEAR IMPRESSION IS THE SOVIETS CONSIDER THE BALL IS IN THE US COURT

2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS AN EARLY AND DETAILED NOAA RESPONSE WOULD BE USEFUL, AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE MIRABITO DISCUSSIONS

AND THE DEMARCH BY DR. PRESS WITH HYDROMET DIRECTOR IZRAEL DURING NOVEMBER JCM. (REFS A AND B). IN VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE SOVIET RESOURCES DEVOTED TO THE SUBJECT, THE GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE AREA, AND THE GENERALLY HELPFUL POSITION TAKEN BY THE SOVIETS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ON CLIMATE MATTERS, EXPANDED BILATERAL COOPERATION ON CLIMATE MAY BE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR BRINGING THE SOVIETS ALONG ON SOME USEFUL COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. END COMMENT.

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